

REMARKS

The Examiner has posed a restriction requirement by segmenting the claims into four groups. It is respectfully submitted that this segmentation tries to draw too fine lines between different description of a defibrillation system and method applicable to both adults and children. To expedite the case, applicants elect Claims 16-18 to pursue in this application. Since the other method claims are drawn to the same invention they have all be amended to depend ultimately upon Claim 16. The apparatus claims 19-23 have been amended to make it clear that they are apparatus for delivering defibrillation energy for adults and children. Since the method of the elected group is, as the Examiner says, a method of delivering defibrillation energy for an adult or child, the apparatus claims as amended cannot be used to practice another and materially different process: the apparatus can only be used to deliver defibrillation energy for an adult or child. Thus it is respectfully submitted that all claims are in one class, a method and apparatus for its practice.

In light of the foregoing election and amendment it is respectfully requested that this case proceed with Claims 1, 3-5, 7-13 and 15-23 as amended above.

Please address all future correspondence in this case to the attorney below in accordance with the Appointment of Associate filed December 18, 2003, a copy of which is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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